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SUBJ: DPC MEETING ON MARCH 18, 1977: AGENDA ITEM II
- WINTEX/CIMEX 79

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AGENDA ITEM II: WINTEX/CIMEX 79

1. SYG LUNS, DRAWING ON HIS PO (REF A), NOTED SACEUR'S
REQUEST FOR NATO SPONSORSHIP OF WINTEX/CIMEX 79, STRESSED
HIS SUPPORT FOR THE REQUEST, AND SPOKE OF THE INCREASED
STAFF REQUIRED. NOTING SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED
WITH WINTEX 77 AND THE EXPANDED NATURE OF THE WINTEX/CIMEX 79
EXERCISE, LUNS MADE A PLEAS FOR MORE STAFF -- SPECIFICALLY AS
REQUESTED IN HIS PO.

2. DRAWING ON REF B, AMBASSADOR REITERATED THE
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US POSITION THAT THE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF
POSITIONS COULD NOT BE SUPPORTED, ADDING THAT NEW
REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE MET BY A REALLOCATION OF
POSITIONS WITHIN THE STAFF. THIS VIEW WAS SUPPORTED
BY THE FRG AND CANADIAN PERMREPS. ON A PERSONAL BASIS,
AMBASSADOR SAID FURTHER THAT HE BELIEVED THE DIFFICULTIES
EXPERIENCED WITH DPC PARTICIPATION DURING WINTEX 77
SHOULD SERVE TO ALERT THE DPC TO A NEED FOR A DETAILED
EXAMINATION OF NATO HEADQUARTERS' PARTICIPATION IN THE
EXERCISE PROGRAM IN GENERAL.

3. DESPITE A STRONG PLEA BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE REP (COLLADAY), WHO STRESSED THE GROWING NEED TO EXERCISE CIVIL EMERGENCY BODIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH MILITARY PARTICIPANTS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTIVE DPC PLAY, THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE STATED NEEDS, AN EXAMINATION SHOULD FIRST BE MADE BASED ON WINTEX 77 RESULTS. THE UK AND CANADIAN REPS SUGGESTED THAT THE DPC SHOULD PERHAPS PARTICIPATE IN FEWER EXERCISES OR THAT THE EXERCISE SCHEDULE BE STRETCHED OUT.

4. THE DIRECTOR, COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE (MACBRIEN) SAID THAT DELAYS IN TAKING A DECISION ON WINTEX/CIMEX 79 WOULD ONLY COMPOUND THE PROBLEM, AND THAT IF PLANNING ACTIONS WERE NOT STARTED SOON THERE WOULD BE NO CHANCE FOR NATO INVOLVEMENT IN WINTEX/CIMEX 79. LUNS ABSERVED THAT SECONDMENT, ONE OF HIS ALTERNATIVES, COULD SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. THE NETHERLANDS REP (BUWALDA) STATED THAT THE DPC SHOULD FIRST TAKE A LOOK AT THE PARTICIPATION QUESTION. "IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO PLAY THAN PLAY BADLY," HE SAID. THE ITALIAN PERMREP (CATALANO) NOTED THAT THE PARTICIPATION QUESTION WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE ISSUE OF ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL SPACES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. DISCUSSION ENDED ON THIS NOTE.
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5. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE LUNS WILL NOW TASK THE COEC TO MAKE A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF NATO HEADQUARTERS APPROPRIATE PARTICIPATION IN WINTEX/CIMEX 79, DRAWING ON VIEWS OF DELEGATIONS FROM PLAY IN WINTEX 77.
END COMMENT.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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